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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, MZ, VT, PO

SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF BISHOP OF NAMPULA

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 0252, ROME 4906

1. RESPONSIBLE VATICAN OFFICIAL INFORMED US APRIL 19 THAT REPORT IS ANXIOUSLY BEING AWAITED FROM NUNCIO SENSI WHO HAS JUST RETURNED TO LISBON AND WHO HAS NOT YET PRESENTED RESULTS OF HIS MISSION TO ROME. ALTHOUGH FOR MOMENT VATICAN CAN ONLY RELY ON PRESS REPORTS, SOURCE EXPRESSED FIRM BELIEF THAT PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES IN MOZAMBIQUE HAD ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATION AGAINST BISHOP VIEIRA PINTO AND THEN FORCED HIS DEPARTURE. BISHOP DID NOT SEEK VATICAN AUTHORIZATION FOR HIS DEPARTURE, BUT MAY HAVE WORKED OUT BEFOREHAND WITH SENSI SOME PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IN EVENT CIVIL AUTHORITIES ASKED HIM TO LEAVE. BEFORE VATICAN CAN PROPERLY EVALUATE SITUATION AND DECIDE WHAT STEP TO TAKE NEXT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY, IN ADDITION TO HAVING SENSI'S REPORT, TO TAKE SOUNDINGS OF PORTUGUESE BISHOPS, PENINSULAR AS WELL AS AFRICAN. SOURCE PREDICTED STORMY SEAS AHEAD IN PORTUGUESE-VATICAN RELATIONS.

2. SOURCE HAD NO INDICATION WHETHER POPE PAUL WOULD PUBLICLY  
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ADDRESS EXPULSION OF BISHOP, BUT BASED ON HIS PAST PRACTICE OF

CRITICIZING CERTAIN PORTUGUESE AFRICAN POLICIES, THERE DISTINCT  
POSSIBILITY HE WILL DO SO. BEAUDRY

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